

LEWISTOWN JOB SERVICE EMPLOYERS COMMITTEE

MARCH 17, 2005

Present: Sandi Ludeman, Kathy Fleharty, Roy Jones, Nancy Wilson, Janis Duffy

Since there was no quorum present, an informal meeting was held.

Mystery Shopper: Nancy has contacted Mary of the Downtown Solutions Group and they will submit a proposal to us. Roy also had information from the Bozeman office that he shared with the group.

Employer Seminar: Janis reported that Denise Seilstad from the Extension Office would like to offer some follow-up training in customer service after our seminar. We will give her some time at the end of the seminar to tell attendees what she has in mind for training. We feel that this will be a good partnership for our Committee. Nancy will call Dean Comes of First National Bank to find out if the Chamber has decided to contribute to the seminar or not. Also need to find out if the other banks are willing to contribute. Nancy reported that the newspaper wants to do an article on the downtown revitalization and that we should try to get some coverage in that article. Nancy would like Roy or Janis to get contact information for the speaker at the State meeting for possible future seminars. The sound system at the Yogo was discussed; the group asked Janis to draft a letter to John Taffin, co-owner, to address our concerns and to let him know that we have an alternate site for the seminar if the Yogo doesn't fix the sound system. Kathy will contact the school and tentatively reserve the Center for Performing Arts for the seminar in case we need to move it.

Roy reported that he has not done anything with the strategic plan as yet. He also reported that he has not contacted Dwayne Bakkedahl to see if he is interested in joining the Committee. Janis has contacted Jeff Evans of Lewistown Honda to invite him to join us and he is considering it.

State Meeting: Roy had raffle tickets available and reported on the items to be raffled off. Silent auction items were discussed: Sandi will see if the Duvall Inn will donate an overnite stay and dinner for two; Kathy will contact the fairboard to see if they will donate two tickets for the night show; Roy will contact Terry Self about one of his canoe tours.

Janis reported on the forklift training she is coordinating for local businesses. It will be the morning of March 22nd and 36 people have signed up so far.

Managers Report: Roy informed the group on the new "Prove It" software at Job Service and gave them a handout of the various tests available. He also reported on HB 589 and its current status.

Kathy requested that Roy put his manager's report in writing so that members would not be hurried at the end of the meeting trying to get to work on time. Nancy asked if the report could be sent out ahead of time so that members could ask questions at the meeting if they so choose.

The next meeting will be on April 21, 2005, at 7:00 a.m. at the Job Service conference room.